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SUBJ: SPECIAL ADVISOR FOR AGRICULTURE APPOINTED

1. A NOVEMBER 29, OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION BY THE CABINET DIVISION SECRETARIAT PUBLISHED THE APPOINTMENT OF AMIR MOHAMMAD AS SPECIAL ADVISOR TO THE CHIEF MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR FOR AGRICULTURE AND STATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE THE STATUS OF A FEDERAL MINISTER.

2. AMIR MOHAMMAD HAS MOST RECENTLY BEEN VICE CHANCELLOR (PRESIDENT) OF THE AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY AT FAISALABAD (FORMERLY LYALLPUR) THE COUNTRY'S PREMIER SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE. PRIOR TO THAT APPOINTMENT HE WAS DIRECTORV OF THE RADIATION GENETICS INSTITUTE, A RESEARCH UNIT OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION DEALING ALMOST ENTIRELY WITH AGRICULTURE.

3. AMIR MOHAMMAD IS ENERGETIC, AND ARTICULATE WITH A REPUTATION AS A GO GETTING ADMINISTRATOR WHO ENERGIZES THE ORGANIZATIONS UNDER HIM. HE HAS ALREADY CALLED IN HIS DEPARTMENT HEADS AND BEGUN TO TAKE CONTROL. IN BOTH THE DEVELOPMENT AND THE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COMMUNITIES, HE IS EXTREMELY WELL SPOKEN OF, BY PAKISTANIS AT ALL LEVELS AND BY INVOLVED MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN COMMUNITY. COMING FROM THE PUNJAB IN THE AREA AROUND FAISALABAD, HE HAS LONG BEEN A PROTEGE OF
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PAKISTAN'S PRESIDENT FAZAL ELAHI CHAUDHRY ONE OF THE FEW ACTIVE PPP MEMBERS STILL IN OFFICE.

4. WE BELIEVE HIS APPOINTMENT PUTS INTO PLACE IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AN ARTICULATE, ENERGETIC, TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED SPOKESMAN FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF AGRICULTURE AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE RURAL AREAS. AT THE

SAME TIME, MANY OPERATIONAL ISSUES IN AGRICULTURE ARE
PROVINCIAL SUBJECTS, AND IT WILL BE DIDDICULT FOR AMIR
MOHAMMAD, AS IT WAS FOR HIS PREDECESSORS, TO GET A
HANDLE ON AND ENERGIZE THE PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENTS.
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